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United Nations information centres in 1994: allocation of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations

Report of the Secretary-General

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In paragraph 11 of its resolution 49/38 B of 9 December 1994, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General regarding the allocation of resources to United Nations information centres in 1993 and called upon him "to continue to study ways and means to rationalize and effect equitable disbursement of available resources to all United Nations information centres and report thereon to the Committee on Information at its seventeenth session".

2. In paragraph 9 of the same resolution, the General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the results of the integration of certain information centres on a trial basis and invited "the Secretary-General to continue the exercise of integrating United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) whenever feasible, on a case-by-case basis, and taking into account the views of the host country, while ensuring that the information functions of the United Nations information centres are not adversely affected, and to report to the Committee on Information".

3. In paragraph 16 of the same resolution, the General Assembly took note of the action being taken by the Secretary-General regarding the reactivation of the information centre in Tehran and called upon the Secretary-General "to report to the Committee on Information at its seventeenth substantive session on the full reactivation of that information centre".

4. The present report is submitted to the Committee on Information in response to the above-mentioned requests. It includes the comments of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat on the work of the information centres during 1994; the status of the integration exercise; ongoing efforts to strengthen the information centres within available resources; the funding provided in 1994 to information centres from the regular budget of the United Nations for local operational expenses, including rental of premises; and host government contributions received for 1994.

5. The report reflects the work programmes of the 59 information centres that were operational during 1994. It does not include United Nations information services located in Geneva and Vienna, whose budgetary allocations are separately identified under section 24, Public information, of the programme budget; nor does it deal with the information services of the four regional commissions other than the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE), which operate within the administrative and budgetary mandates of each commission.

II. ROLE OF INFORMATION CENTRES

6. Over the reporting period, the activities of the centres, like the Department in its entirety, were geared to meet new requirements for projecting a stronger image of the United Nations as directed by the Secretary-General. Intensified efforts were undertaken with the aim of:

(a) Ensuring cost-effective performance by the centres in reaching out to key audiences;

(b) Pooling resources with other members of the system wherever feasible;

(c) Increasing the production of regionally adapted information material in local languages;

(d) Mobilizing support for the issues discussed at major international conferences relating to development;

(e) Establishing partnerships with redisseminators of information in host countries;

(f) Exploring new communications technologies for the exchange of information with Headquarters, other field offices and the media.

In the light of the essential role of communications technology, the Department is making every attempt to provide information centres with the necessary training and equipment to perform their work.

7. The Secretary-General, on 23 January 1995, met in Geneva with a group of information professionals from information centres to discuss present challenges before the Organization and the consequent responsibilities of its network of information centres. The meeting, convened by the Assistant Secretary-General, was the first such opportunity for United Nations information professionals in the field to have a Secretary-General discuss with them the crucial importance

of public information for the Organization. The Secretary-General encouraged efforts by the centres to publicize United Nations success stories, especially in the fields of social and economic development; he stressed the need for an active approach towards the media, particularly with regard to countering negative media comments on the United Nations; he expressed his appreciation for innovative approaches by centres to ensure the publication of key national and regional aspects of his statements and reports; and he suggested new efforts that would result in funding for information activities in partnership with both the public and the private sectors. During the discussion, the Secretary-General emphasized that information efforts should specifically focus on the younger generation. Most importantly, information centres were urged to continue in a proactive manner the promotion of development issues before the Organization to emphasize the many achievements of the United Nations over the past 50 years and to garner the support of people around the world as the Organization prepares itself for the challenges of the new millennium.

III. FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRES

8. In paragraph 8 of its resolution 49/38 B, the General Assembly reaffirmed "the importance attached by Member States to the role of United Nations information centres in effectively and comprehensively disseminating information, particularly in developing countries and countries in transition, about United Nations activities". The year 1994 was marked by an expanded role for information centres in promoting understanding and support for the Organization's many activities, in particular with regard to the issues of social and economic development, including the convening of international conferences on those issues; the Organization's intensified peace-keeping and peacemaking efforts; and the system-wide preparations for the Organization's fiftieth anniversary.

9. To meet the challenge, the information centres strengthened their outreach programmes in host countries to government offices, educational institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), United Nations agencies and programmes and the general public. Besides disseminating press releases and other information materials produced at Headquarters, information centres published periodic newsletters, which proved to be among their most effective communications tools. Several information centres, particularly in Africa and Latin America, organized journalists' tours to development projects carried out by United Nations agencies and programmes in their countries. A number of information centres regularly coproduced local-language television programmes on United Nations topics in partnership with local broadcasting organizations.

10. During 1994, the information centres played a pivotal role in promoting the Organization's major conferences. For the International Conference on Population and Development, the advance promotional activities conducted by the information centres helped to raise the level of interest in the issues and kept the media and the public informed of developments related to the Conference. Twenty-eight information centres undertook pre-Conference media encounters, as well as briefings by population experts for television and radio journalists. They translated documents, backgrounders and other information materials into local languages including Bahasa-Indonesia, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, Hindi,

Italian, Kiswahili, Nepali, Norwegian, Romanian and Swedish, and distributed them widely in the countries they serve.

11. A special role in support of the Population Conference was played by the United Nations Information Centre in Cairo, which mobilized regional press to enhance coverage before and during the visit of the Secretary-General and facilitated daily Arabic press briefings by providing ad hoc interpretation services and media relations support to the large contingent of Arabic-speaking press in attendance at the Conference. Many information centres organized thorough briefings, seminars, round tables, television and radio discussions and created issue-specific journalists' networks to provide in-depth information on population themes. Feedback received from the information centres (7,500 articles from 432 newspapers) indicated the most extensive media coverage ever achieved for a United Nations conference.

12. The information centres were also fully engaged in providing support for the regional preparatory meetings for the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women. The information centres in Buenos Aires, Dakar and Jakarta were closely involved with the regional preparatory meetings of the Women's Conference in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Asia and the Pacific. Also, information centres translated the pre-conference brochure and backgrounders into 19 local languages and engaged in diverse promotional activities, including: organizing journalists round tables, briefings and seminars; inaugurating networks of women journalists to facilitate greater access to and coverage of issues relating to women; co-producing television and radio programmes related to the advancement of women; and publishing feature articles in newspaper supplements devoted to issues of concern to women. The information centres in London and Washington provided support in organizing a series of regional journalists round tables for the Social Summit. In addition, more than 20 United Nations information centres translated the Social Summit press kit materials into local languages, and 15 United Nations information centres, working closely with national committees for the Summit, United Nations Associations and national NGOs, undertook outreach activities to brief journalists about Summit issues. During the Summit, information centres relayed press releases and other conference information received daily from the Conference site in Copenhagen to local media by E-mail and fax; they responded to the many queries from the media and NGOs; and they provided, on a daily basis, press clippings and reports to the spokesperson of the Bella Centre in Copenhagen, reflecting local and national media coverage of the proceedings.

13. The positive achievements of the information centres in heightening the awareness of conferences on social development issues was partly attributable to the availability of funds from within the budget of the Department of Public Information. The amounts of $35,000 provided by the Department for the Population Conference, $35,000 for the Women's Conference, and $75,000 for the Social Summit enabled the information centres to extend their outreach programmes to wider audiences, to engage other United Nations partners and to approach conference promotions with greater creativity.

14. The information centres paid special attention to stimulating a national response and commitment to promoting the fiftieth anniversary observance. From

within existing resources, the information centres initiated and/or facilitated the establishment of Fiftieth Anniversary National Committees in over 70 countries and worked closely with these committees in the development of educational projects related to this event. The information centres were also involved in the dissemination of public information on the fiftieth anniversary to United Nations Associations, NGOs, educational institutions and the media.

15. Greece, Nigeria, Portugal and the United Kingdom were among the countries where information centres have been instrumental in creating a dialogue on the integration of education programmes about the United Nations in school curricula. Information centres continued to cooperate with local sponsors and United Nations system partners in the implementation of local fiftieth anniversary promotional projects, such as model United Nations assemblies, seminars, concerts and travelling exhibits. To mark the fiftieth anniversary, the United Nations Information Centre in Windhoek added two new local language versions of the Charter of the United Nations - Afrikaans and Ovambo - to the collection of 29 local-language editions available thus far.

16. Cooperation with United Nations agencies and programmes formed a major part of the work of the information centres during 1994. Information centres participated in or organized media liaison activities in connection with the launch of the Human Development Report, the World Investment Report, The State of the World's Children and The World Population Report. They also assisted United Nations field offices with the promotion of observances such as World Food Day, International Women's Day, World Environment Day, the International Year of the Family, the Decade of Indigenous People and World AIDS Day, among others.

17. With respect to United Nations peace-keeping and other political missions, the information centres responded to queries from the media and other sources and provided information on resolutions of the Security Council and reports of the Secretary-General. Furthermore, the information centre libraries remained a vital resource for up-to-date documents, publications and videos. The centres cooperated extensively with foreign ministries, academic institutions, United Nations associations and national NGOs in organizing seminars, exhibits, workshops and other events related to these issues.

18. In keeping with their mandate, the information centres played an active role before and during official visits of the Secretary-General and senior officials of the United Nations to their respective areas. They organized official schedules, press conferences and interviews, disseminated statements by the spokesperson for the Secretary-General, prepared press reviews and provided media liaison, interpretation and other support services for these visits.

IV. THE INTEGRATION EXERCISE

19. In keeping with the request of the Committee on Information, every effort has been made by the Department of Public Information to facilitate the process of integrating United Nations information centres with UNDP field offices whenever feasible, on a case-by-case basis, and taking into account the views of the host country.

20. Information centres that were already integrated continued in 1994 to carry out the Department's mandate under the immediate supervision of UNDP resident representatives and with regular programmatic and administrative guidance from the Department's Information Centres Service.

21. Closer cooperation was established between the UNDP field offices and the information centres in Beirut, Bujumbura, Dar es Salaam, Dhaka, Khartoum, Lima and Lusaka, where resident representatives have been functioning as acting directors of the information centres.

22. Discussions regarding further integration have continued on a case-by-case basis between representatives of the UNDP and the Department at Headquarters. However, steps towards formal integration will be taken only following consultation with host Governments.

V. STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION CENTRES

23. The Department of Public Information paid special attention to enhancing the effectiveness of the information centres with several new appointments. Department directors were appointed to information centres in Buenos Aires, Copenhagen, Harare, Manila, Mexico City and Ouagadougou. A stronger United Nations information presence was established in Tehran with the appointment of a professional Information Officer, and a new information centre was established at Sana'a. Further conversion of Information Assistants to the National Information Officer category has also been accomplished; 29 such posts have now been converted.

24. A briefing programme for a small group of National Information Officers and Information Assistants took place at Headquarters in March 1995. In addition, a training and orientation workshop on technological innovations and electronic access to United Nations information is planned for information centre Reference Assistants in cooperation with the Dag Hammarskjöld Library and agencies of the United Nations system in New York.

25. As recommended by the Committee on Information, the information centres continued to work closely with United Nations system representatives in the field, cooperating with system partners such as the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), UNDP, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) in the planning, implementation and funding of joint information programmes. These efforts allowed for more effective and far-reaching information programmes as well as wider dissemination of United Nations materials, and contributed to the maintenance of a cohesive image of the Organization in the field.

26. As a result of local partnerships with members of the United Nations family, information centres were able to develop joint system publications incorporating items on the work of the agencies in the country. In other instances, information centres played the lead role in information-sharing. For example, in an effort to reach over 200 million Portuguese-speaking people, the United Nations Information Centres in Rio de Janeiro and Lisbon translated major

United Nations reports, documents and information materials into Portuguese and shared them with UNDP offices in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe. An Agenda for Development, The State of the World's Children, The Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization and the Human Development Report, as well as several Department fact sheets and backgrounders, were among the materials translated and distributed last year.

27. Cost-sharing and better access to United Nations system information has been achieved in Manila and Buenos Aires where the library resources of the information centre and several agencies have been centralized. This example is now being considered by other information centres. In cooperation with the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, efforts have been made to upgrade and modernize information centre libraries with the provision of cataloguing software such as Micro CDS/ISIS and DBase III Plus. The information centres in Buenos Aires, Colombo, Copenhagen, Lima, Lisbon, Panama, Rome and Windhoek have received such assistance.

28. Currently, information centre libraries are being supplied with up-to-date computerized bibliographic materials including Security Council resolutions dating from 1974, General Assembly resolutions from 1977 and Economic and Social Council resolutions from 1982, as well as major United Nations documents such as An Agenda for Peace, Agenda 21 and other United Nations publications on diskette.

29. Action has been taken by the Department to equip as many information centres as resources allow with computers as well as word-processing and desktop publishing software, in order to improve communications, simplify and streamline reporting, and facilitate local production of Department information materials.

30. Thirty-eight information centres now have the capacity to communicate with Headquarters by electronic mail. This facility has improved the ability of these centres to obtain and rapidly disseminate information. Information centres not connected by E-mail receive these materials by fax or cable: statements by the Secretary-General, selected Department press releases, Security Council resolutions and reports, the Daily Highlights and other United Nations materials of immediate public interest. Many centres then transmit United Nations news to the local media by fax.

VI. DISBURSEMENT OF RESOURCES FROM THE REGULAR BUDGET IN 1994

31. The operational funds made available to the Department of Public Information for disbursement to the United Nations information centres are intended primarily for their maintenance and upkeep. They cover rental and maintenance of premises, utilities, communications, maintenance of equipment, local transportation, stationery and office supplies, library supplies, office and electronic equipment and freight and handling charges for shipment of equipment and supplies.

32. Some funds are provided for local translation and printing of information material and for travel within the area serviced by the information centre. Funds are also provided for hospitality. The allocation of non-staff operating

funds is conducted on a pragmatic basis, taking into account the actual requirements of each information centre, the availability of funds and the existing circumstances in each host country. For 1994, the regular budget resources allocated to information centres, excluding salaries and common staff costs, amounted to $4,540,400.

33. The difference in the disbursement of funds to individual information centres is primarily related to the cost of living in the host country concerned. In some cases the difference in allocation can be significant, especially if the host country does not provide rent-free premises. An overview of the disbursement for rental of premises in 1994 is provided in the annex to the present report.

34. Operational funds for every information centre have to be provided from the Department's regular budget at the beginning of each year, even for those information centres for which host government financial support is anticipated.

35. It should also be noted that there is no fixed schedule for the submission of contributions by host Governments. Furthermore, the levels of some host government contributions fluctuate and cannot be projected or anticipated with accuracy. The past few years have seen a decline in total contributions received, while the cost of operating the information centres has risen following general increases in the cost of living.

36. Limited regular budget resources make it even more important to encourage and promote the active involvement and support of Governments, United Nations Associations, NGOs, educational institutions and other interest groups. Information centres are actively engaged in enlisting such support and regularly contact organizations that may provide direct financial and/or other assistance for their outreach efforts.

VII. HOST GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE INFORMATION CENTRES

37. During 1994, extrabudgetary funding in the form of voluntary ad hoc contributions in cash or kind towards the operating costs of several information centres decreased, despite increased pledges. The decrease in support reduced the ability of some information centres to realize operational goals.

38. The steady decline in funding for the information centres has occurred since the 1990-1991 biennium. Contributions by Member States have fallen by some 50 per cent since the 1990-1991 biennium, when contributions totalled over $3.5 million. In the 1992-1993 biennium, government contributions fell to $1.3 million and reached a low point of just over $500,000 in 1994.

39. However, it must be pointed out that the financial support provided by several host Governments has been invaluable to the operation of information centres. This year the Department has received or expects to receive contributions in cash or kind from 40 Member States hosting United Nations information centres. Fifteen Governments have provided rent-free premises. Thirteen Governments have provided a cash contribution, while 12 provided both

rent-free premises as well as a cash contribution. Nineteen host Governments did not provide any support.

40. A breakdown of host Government support for 1994 for the 59 information centres that are currently operational is contained in the annex to the present report.

Annex

ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR RENTAL OF PREMISES AND HOST GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Centre	Established	Department of Public Information posts	Rental of premises in 1994 (US$)	Host government support		
				Agreement signed	Extrabudgetary staff costs	Cash contribution received for 1994 (US$)
Accra	March 58	P-4, 5 local staff	Rent free			
Algiers a/	Sept. 63	4 local staff	Rent free			
Ankara a/	March 75	2 local staff	6 000	Jan. 75		
Antananarivo a/	Jan. 63	2 local staff	10 000			
Asunción a/	Oct. 62	2 local staff	6 000			
Athens	April 54	5 local staff	42 334	Oct. 92		40 221
Beirut	Sept. 62	5 local staff	b/			
Santa Fe de Bogotá	May 54	5 local staff	54 100	1955		70 000
Brazzaville	June 83	5 local staff	Rent free	June 83		
Brussels	Jan. 75	5 local staff	60 775	Jan. 76		67 484
Bucharest a/	June 70	1 local staff	Rent free	April 70	5 local staff	2 976
Buenos Aires	Nov. 48	P-4, 5 local staff	Rent free			70 140
Bujumbura	June 61	4 local staff	Rent free			Not received since 1992
Cairo a/	April 49	5 local staff	240			234
Colombo a/	Aug. 61	4 local staff	Rent free			612
Copenhagen	Dec. 46	P-5, 6 local staff	29 819	Jan. 89		37 605
Dakar	April 64	P-5, 4 local staff	Rent free			
Dar es Salaam	June 61	4 local staff	Rent free	1961		
Dhaka	Aug. 81	4 local staff	10 000	Aug. 81		3 750
Harare	Nov. 82	P-5, 5 local staff	Rent free			
Islamabad	March 51	P-4, 7 local staff	10 500			5 657
Jakarta	Aug. 85 (reopened)	4 local staff	Rent free		Services of 2 watchmen	

Centre	Established	Department of Public Information posts	Rental of premises in 1994 (US$)	Host government support		
				Agreement signed	Extrabudgetary staff costs	Cash contribution received for 1994 (US$)
Kabul c/	Oct. 59		2 400			
Kathmandu a/	April 64	4 local staff	4 000			Not received since 1993
Khartoum	Oct. 63	4 local staff	Rent free	May 63		
Kinshasa a/	July 64	5 local staff	800			
Lagos	May 67	P-4, 5 local staff	Rent free	Nov. 64	2 local staff	Not received for 1994
La Paz a/	Sept. 63	3 local staff	8 300			Not received for 1994
Lima	April 60	6 local staff	27 940			
Lisbon	Nov. 77	P-4, 3 local staff	Rent free	Sept. 78	2 local staff	100 470
Lome a/	May 62	4 local staff	Rent free			
London	Jan. 47	7 local staff	152 150 d/			
Lusaka	Oct. 75	4 local staff	Rent free			
Madrid	May 86	P-5, 4 local staff	Rent free			63 607
Managua a/	July 84		Rent free	April 84	3 local staff	16 000
Manama	Nov. 77		Rent free	Dec. 74 & Jan. 77	3 local staff	33 000 from Government of Bahrain
Manila	Aug. 53	D-1, 4 local staff	Rent free	1977		
Maseru a/	Feb. 79	3 local staff	Rent free			
Mexico City	Aug. 47	P-5, 6 local staff	110 000 e/			
Monrovia c/	Oct. 50					
Moscow	April 48	6 local staff	20 116			
Nairobi	Aug. 74	4 local staff	Rent free	Nov. 74		
New Delhi	Jan. 47	7 local staff	50 000 (maintenance)			
Ouagadougou	April 82	P-4, 5 local staff	Rent free	June 82		
Panama City a/	Sept. 84	2 local staff	Rent free	Oct. 82	Services of 3 local staff	
Paris	March 47	D-1, 8 local staff	Rent free			5 524
Port of Spain	Jan. 62	P-4, 5 local staff	28 400	1961		2 131

Centre	Established	Department of Public Information posts	Rental of premises in 1994 (US$)	Host government support		
				Agreement signed	Extrabudgetary staff costs	Cash contribution received for 1994 (US$)
Prague	Dec. 47	P-4, 4 local staff	200			
Rabat	Dec. 62	5 local staff	14 500			Not received since 1993
Rio de Janeiro	March 47	P-5, 6 local staff	Rent free	1		Not received since 1992
Rome	July 58	D-1, 5 local staff	450			
Sana'a	April 94	P-3, 1 local staff	6 000	May 94		
San Salvador f/	July 60					
Sydney	Nov. 48	5 local staff	47 000			
Tehran	May 50	P-4, 2 local staff	3 500			
Tokyo	April 58	7 local staff	262 000			100 000 for public information activities
Tripoli	Jan. 80		Rent free	May 77	5 local staff	Not received since 1993
Tunis	May 60	P-5, 4 local staff	Rent free			
Washington	Oct. 46	P-5, 6 local staff	110 212			
Windhoek	Oct. 92	P-5, 4 local staff	300			
Yangon a/	June 59	4 local staff	7 200			
Yaounde	Oct. 65	P-4, 5 local staff	Rent free	March 94	2 local staff	Not received since 1990

a/ Integrated centres.

b/ Rent under negotiation with landlord.

c/ Not operational.

d/ Relocated in 1994. Rent in 1995 107,000.

e/ The Government of Mexico provides an annual contribution equivalent to $60,000 to be divided among United Nations offices sharing premises.

f/ Public information activities of the Department of Public Information undertaken in collaboration with ONUSAL at present time.

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Review of publications by the Department of Public Information

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1. In paragraph 7 of its resolution 49/38 B of 9 December 1994, the General Assembly requested "the management of the Department of Public Information to review the Department's publications and proposals for publications to ensure that all publications fulfil an identifiable need, that they do not duplicate other publications inside or outside the United Nations system and that they are produced in a cost-effective manner, and to report thereon to the Committee on Information at its seventeenth substantive session".

2. The present report is submitted to the Committee on Information in response to that request. In compliance with the above resolution, the report covers both recurrent and non-recurrent publications produced by the Department of Public Information. A list of the non-recurrent publications issued during the period January-December 1994 is contained in annex I to the present report.

3. The publications produced and distributed by the Department relate to specific and topical issues before the Organization. They are released in response to the mandates established by the General Assembly, as well as to priorities set by Member States and directives of the Secretary-General. These publications are produced in accordance with the highest possible standards of quality and cost-effectiveness.

4. In order to ensure a streamlined approach and a unified responsibility within the Department for its print productions, a reorganization was introduced in 1994 so that all sections and units dealing with the production of recurrent and non-recurrent publications became part of the Publications Service.

5. The purpose of the publications released by the Department is:

(a) Promotion of the principles and goals of the United Nations;

(b) The overall generation of public support for the Organization and specifically the creation of awareness and support for its wide-ranging activities, including development, humanitarian assistance, major conferences and peace-keeping and other political missions;

(c) Provision of a timely response to an identified demand from target audiences, ensuring that other publications both within and outside the United Nations system are not duplicated.

I. RECURRENT PUBLICATIONS

6. The Department in 1994 continued the timely production and dissemination of its institutional, thematic and reference publications.

Institutional publications

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization

7. Immediately following its release as an official document, the Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization is produced by the Department in book format in the official languages of the Organization and, through the network of United Nations information centres and services, in non-official languages as well. Targeted for audiences such as government officials, representatives of the media, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the academic community, the publication meets an increasing demand for current, in-depth information on the work of the Organization in all major fields. The improved format and increased comprehensiveness of the presentation introduced by the Secretary-General since 1992, as well as the use of statistical material such as charts and tables, has further contributed to a wider interest in this major print product of the Department.

(b) Yearbook of the United Nations

8. The Yearbook of the United Nations, published annually in a single volume, is the most comprehensive and authoritative reference book on the work of the United Nations and the organizations of the United Nations system. It is designed to provide government offices, libraries and the research community with detailed and factual accounts of United Nations activities during a given calendar year. Based on official documentation, the Yearbook constitutes an invaluable and unique resource for in-depth information on various aspects of international issues dealt with by the major organs of the United Nations, its programmes and agencies.

9. Since 1992, the release of current editions has been maintained on a timely annual schedule and a programme is under way to eliminate the remaining backlog volumes (1989 and 1990) by 1997. In December 1994, the 1993 edition (the 47th volume) of the Yearbook of the United Nations was issued. Also, in October 1994 the first backlog edition covering the activities of the United Nations system in 1988 was published.

10. As a contribution to the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations, the Department is preparing a special fiftieth-anniversary volume of the Yearbook scheduled for publication during 1995. The special edition will recount the historical, evolutionary process of the United Nations and its contribution as the centre for multilateral discourse and will highlight major achievements of the Organization over its 50-year span. The special edition will be prepared in the form of selections from the previous volumes of the Yearbook, beginning with the 1946/47 issue.

(c) UN Chronicle

11. This magazine is the most frequently issued, consolidated account of all major United Nations activities, in particular Security Council and General Assembly actions, development and humanitarian assistance, and United Nations peace-keeping and political missions. A selective review of the activities of United Nations bodies and specialized agencies in the economic, social and legal fields is also included.

12. Written in a journalistic style and aimed especially at teachers and university students, members of non-governmental organizations and individuals interested in international affairs; the factual material as presented in this publication does not duplicate other United Nations information efforts. While the Yearbook of the United Nations is available on a yearly basis, the UN Chronicle provides a concise overview of the work of the Organization on a quarterly basis. Since no other publication inside or outside the United Nations provides the same service, the UN Chronicle has a considerable market potential. The production of this publication, which is released in the six official languages, is administered by the United Nations Publications Board.

13. Recent surveys - the latest was in 1994 - show that UN Chronicle readers highly value its contents and would wish to receive the publication on a more frequent basis. The comprehensive nature of the publication has made it an attractive source of information for electronic dissemination, and it is currently sold, with royalties accruing to the United Nations, to a number of on-line users and CD-ROM firms.

(d) Everyone's United Nations

14. This publication presents a concise historical account of the overall activities of the United Nations and its common system. It provides detailed information on the structure of the United Nations system and its work in the fields of peacemaking, peace-keeping, disarmament, economic and social development, human rights, decolonization and international law. The latest edition (484 pages) was published in 1986 in English only. The 11th edition is scheduled for publication in mid-1995. Owing to financial constraints and in order to respond to new priorities within the Department's print output, the scheduled release of the publication for 1993 had to be postponed.

(e) Basic Facts about the United Nations

15. Continually revised and updated, this publication offers a concise account of the Organization's history and details the contributions it has made to the

major issues facing the international community. Basic Facts is published in English, French and Spanish for use by non-governmental organizations, educational institutions, teachers and students, and is distributed through United Nations offices and bookstores. The latest edition was issued in 1993 (291 pages) and an updated edition is intended for release in mid-1995.

(f) UN in Brief

16. This regularly updated, illustrated 20-page pamphlet provides general information about the United Nations and its principal organs and was initiated in response to growing demands for this type of information in a handy, easily absorbed format. It is targeted to individual and group visitors to the United Nations, students in particular, and is provided upon request.

(g) Image and Reality

17. This is a booklet produced in question-and-answer format, which is intended to foster an informed understanding of the role of the United Nations in international affairs, particularly among younger audiences. It is published in English, French and Spanish. An updated version is being prepared for publication late in 1995.

Thematic publications

(a) United Nations Blue Book Series

18. A notable innovation in the publications programme of the Department of Public Information in 1994 was the launching of the United Nations Blue Book Series. This authoritative series will provide primary United Nations research-and-reference materials to academics, policy makers, journalists and others interested in gaining a deeper understanding of the work of the Organization in its diverse aspects. Each volume in the series captures the vital legacy and documents the central role of the United Nations in a major international endeavour or issue. Every book contains an extensive introduction by the Secretary-General and brings together in one volume all the principal United Nations documentation related to the respective subject, including resolutions of the General Assembly and the Security Council, reports of the Secretary-General, texts of agreements and other historic documents. A chronology and two sets of indexes make the information provided in each publication readily accessible. This series is a major boon for researchers and historians in particular. The first volume in the series, published in December 1994, was entitled The United Nations and Apartheid, 1948-1994. The United Nations and Cambodia, 1991-1995 was published in January, The United Nations and Nuclear Non-Proliferation in February, and The United Nations and El Salvador, 1990-1995 in March 1995. Forthcoming titles include The United Nations and Mozambique, 1992-1995, The United Nations and Human Rights, The United Nations and Women and The United Nations and Somalia, 1992-1995.

(b) Development Update

19. Beginning in January 1994, the bimonthly newsletter Development Update has closely covered the preparation and outcome of the current cycle of United

Nations conferences on economic and social development. The publication reports on the preparatory work leading up to conferences, as well as on the conferences themselves and their follow-up. The Secretary-General's reports on An Agenda for Development and related discussions in intergovernmental bodies have also been prominently featured in the publication. Development Update has further expanded its reach to include United Nations human rights initiatives, NGO involvement, relevant United Nations reports and surveys, such as those issued by the United Nations Development Programme, the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis and the International Labour Organization, and some of the smaller United Nations conferences on specific economic and social issues, such as money laundering and transnational crime, as well as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) symposium on trade efficiency. The issues and goals of the major global conferences have been illuminated for Development Update readers by short interviews with heads of delegations or groups of Member States and officials of United Nations bodies and relevant agencies and programmes of the United Nations system. The newsletter is produced in English with a print run of 20,000 copies.

20. Development Update was commended by the Group of 77 at the Economic and Social Council review of United Nations public information activities and continues to evoke widespread interest in many quarters. Requests for the publication are increasingly being received from universities, schools, research institutes, development assistance programmes and corporations.

(c) Notes for Speakers

21. This publication is designed as a tool to assist speakers in the preparation of presentations about key issues before the Organization. In previous years, the publication was prepared annually and released prior to United Nations Day in October.

22. In response to audiences' demands and interests, the Department since 1993 has produced Notes for Speakers in connection with major conferences to provide background on the issues. The Department produced Notes for Speakers - Social Development in January 1995 to highlight the long-standing contributions of the United Nations in the area of social development. That edition drew much of its information and perspective from the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development; however, the information was also designed to be of use well beyond the Summit itself. Another issue of Notes for Speakers, which will be of relevance to the Fourth World Conference on Women, is scheduled for release in July 1995.

(d) Africa Recovery

23. The quarterly magazine Africa Recovery deals with actions of the United Nations system vis-à-vis Africa and covers international and regional developments in the areas of economic and social reform, resource flows, external debt, trade, economic diversification, and the impact of structural adjustment programmes. The publication is an essential element of the Campaign for Global Awareness of the Critical Economic Situation in Africa and is a key contribution to the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in

the 1990s, as specifically indicated in General Assembly resolution 46/151 of 18 December 1991. In addition to the magazine, multi-media information kits on progress made in the implementation of the New Agenda are produced in English and other languages as required. The magazine's targeted audiences include the media, representatives of development agencies, business leaders, non-governmental organizations, the academic community and policy makers on Africa at both multilateral and bilateral levels. In 1988 and 1992, Africa Recovery received the World Hunger Journalism Awards, and its articles continue to be reprinted by national and international newspapers. The magazine is published in English (23,000 copies) and French (8,000 copies). As it has with other publications, the Department recently conducted a readership survey of Africa Recovery to assess its relevance and importance to its audiences. The survey revealed that the publication is considered a highly informative magazine, which is used by 75 per cent of its readers in their professional work and as a reference source.

(e) Development Business

24. Published twice a month in newspaper format, Development Business provides technical information to organizations, consultants, companies and banking institutions interested in international bidding on economic development projects funded by the United Nations. Development Business is the only continuous United Nations publication that serves the procurement information needs of the private sector as well as Member State delegations and development banks. It helps developing countries and those in transition procure goods and services at internationally competitive prices. It must be pointed out that the demand for such information has risen over the past two years and is expected to intensify in response to rapidly integrating global markets.

25. The newspaper also contains articles about investing in the developing world and reports on the Organization's annual World Investment Report and the World Economic and Social Survey, as well as its contributions in the area of sustainable development. Development Business also offers an on-line computer service, known as Scan-a-Bid, for subscribers who want faster and more selective access to project and bidding information. The service provides users with daily updates of the information published in Development Business and permits them to search for data by region, country and economic sector. Development Business concentrates on broadening its audience through on-line information services and other, evolving methods of electronic communication. Development Business is sold by subscription only for $495 a year.

Reference publications

(a) Index materials

26. In order to facilitate access to documents and other materials issued by the Organization, the Dag Hammarskjöld Library issues a number of recurrent reference publications for use by delegations and United Nations offices, as well as depository and other libraries. These publications include the quarterly UNDOC: Current Index and a cumulative annual edition of that publication on microfiche, as well as the sessional Indexes to Proceedings of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and

the Trusteeship Council. It is planned that UNBIS Plus on CD-ROM, a quarterly electronic-format publication comprising all major bibliographic, factual, full-text, thesaurus and authority files, will be used as part of the Library's publications programme. All these publications are sales items.

(b) World Media Handbook

27. This is a comprehensive reference publication issued for use by information professionals of the United Nations system, media practitioners, public affairs agents, NGO representatives, as well as journalism and mass communication scholars world wide. The main purpose of the World Media Handbook is to provide information on media organizations world wide. The publication profiles countries that are Member States of the United Nations, as well as Switzerland, which is host to a number of United Nations organizations, by further providing basic demographic data and communications statistics. It is published in English. The World Media Handbook was recognized in 1993 by the American Library Association's Notable Document List as a comprehensive reference source with respect to media data, particularly from developing countries. The third edition of the World Media Handbook will be published in 1995, as a commemorative issue of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. Prompted by that important occasion, the publication will contain a section entitled "Membership in brief", dealing with each Member State's participation in the work of the Organization.

(c) United Nations Film and Video Catalogue

28. This is a biennial illustrated reference book which has been published since 1947 to promote the film and video productions of the Department. It provides succinct information and data on available films, videos, photographs and archival film footage as well as a comprehensive listing of United Nations regional audiovisual libraries in 130 countries. Its audience is composed of national and private TV broadcasters, cable-TV operators, satellite networks, commercial distributors, educational institutions, government offices, NGOs and private individuals. The 1995 edition is bilingual (English and French) with a print run of 10,000 copies, together with 2,000 corresponding posters. The publication is not a sales item. Coordinated efforts with international broadcasting unions and the use of satellite transmission have also been effective in promoting and distributing United Nations audiovisual programmes.

II. NON-RECURRENT PUBLICATIONS

29. In view of the evolving mandate of the United Nations in the fields of economic and social development, peace-keeping and peacemaking, human rights and humanitarian assistance, the availability of print materials for public information is an increasingly crucial aspect of the promotion of an informed understanding and effective support for the work of the United Nations. Special emphasis is on documenting the achievements of the United Nations in major areas of common concern to the Member States. With this in mind, the Department has continued to issue thematic publications related to the preparation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences, to peace-keeping and other political missions in the field, as well as to human rights and related issues.

30. The Department of Public Information continued in 1994 to focus its publications on the issues stemming from the decade's cycle of major development-related United Nations conferences. These include: the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992), the World Conference on Human Rights (1993), the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1994), the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction (1994), the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), the World Summit for Social Development (1995), the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995) and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (1996).

31. The Department has sought to build upon and strengthen world interest in these conferences by producing a variety of publications on major global themes aimed at a wide-ranging international audience, particularly the media, NGOs and academic institutions. These publications, which have included posters, pamphlets, booklets, backgrounders and newsletters, such as Challenges for NGOs, have emphasized the mutually reinforcing themes of all these conferences, often within the overall context of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. Regular contacts are maintained and meetings held with relevant departments and offices, including through the interdepartmental and inter-agency task forces established for the Social Summit and the Conference on Women, to ensure that these publications reflect priority themes.

32. In early February 1995, the Department published and distributed, primarily as sales items, An Agenda for Development, which included two reports of the Secretary-General on the subject and relevant General Assembly and Economic and Social Council documents; and his An Agenda for Peace, second edition, with the New Supplement and Related Documents and relevant General Assembly and Security Council documents. Both publications have been issued in English (10,000 copies), French and Spanish (4,000 copies each) and Arabic, Chinese and Russian (2,000 copies each).

33. In view of the fact that United Nations peace-keeping and peacemaking activities have continued to be a dominant focus of world media coverage of the Organization, reflecting the wider public concern over the many conflicts around the world, the Department issued 14 backgrounders and information notes on United Nations peace-keeping operations in 1994. The publications had as their aim to promote better understanding of these complex efforts by the United Nations and were produced in close cooperation with the Department of Peace-keeping Operations, the Department of Political Affairs and other substantive offices concerned. In addition, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Organization, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 49/37, the Department has begun work on the third edition of The Blue Helmets, its comprehensive review of the peace-keeping and peacemaking operations of the United Nations since 1948. It is scheduled for publication in October 1995.

34. In accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Department issues publications intended to raise the awareness of the international community on the question of Palestine and the situation of the Middle East in general, including the achievements of the peace process. During 1994, the Department published the books: The United Nations and the Question of

Palestine, Promoting a Culture for Peace in the Middle East, as well as the backgrounder Prerequisites for Peace in the Middle East.

35. As part of its primary responsibility for public information activities built around the World Public Information Campaign for Human Rights and the follow-up to the World Conference on Human Rights held at Vienna in 1993, the Department reprinted and distributed essential publications on human rights, including backgrounders on human rights and culture and on indigenous people. In relation to the International Year of the World's Indigenous People (1993) and the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (1994-2003), in particular, the Department released a special booklet, entitled Seeds of a New Partnership: Indigenous People and the United Nations. Two editions of a press kit on the International Year of the Family (1994) were also widely distributed.

36. The programme of non-recurrent publications of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library includes the brochure DHL Services (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French and Spanish; the Russian version will be made available by mid-1995); the Depository Libraries Manual, containing a brief guide to the United Nations documentation; Instructions for Depository Libraries; and United Nations Documentation: Selected List of Reference Sources. These publications are released in the six official languages. In addition, mini-catalogues and other special materials for user departments as well as back-of-the-book indexes have been provided upon request.

III. OTHER ACTIVITIES

37. The Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information was appointed Chairman of the Publications Board in 1994. The Department, through its Production and Coordination Section, monitors publications products and processes work assigned to Conference Services. Methods of production, print-run figures, page units, and starting and completion dates for work orders processed internally or externally are researched and subjected to regular review. Project managers for print products are provided with preliminary cost estimates obtained from price lists, commercial price guides or from vendors. This policy has contributed to more cost-effective planning and production of publications, as well as avoiding duplication of publications, bearing in mind that Secretariat-wide, 1,161 print projects covering 39 programmes were requested for implementation in 1994.

38. Furthermore, the Department is making particular efforts to upgrade its technology in order to speed up the production and improve the quality of its print output. This would contribute to a substantial improvement in the implementation of its publications programme.

39. United Nations information centres and services in 1994 made further efforts to repackage, adapt and disseminate to their audiences United Nations information material in print in non-official, local languages. Statements by the Secretary-General, as well as booklets, fact-sheets and backgrounders related to the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit for Social Development and the Fourth World Conference on Women have been produced in Bahasa Indonesian, Danish, Dutch, Finnish, German, Hindi, Hungarian,

Icelandic, Italian, Kiswahili, Nepali, Norwegian, Portuguese, Romanian, Shona, Swedish and Thai. The United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as well as major publications such as the Report of the Secretary-General on the Work of the Organization have been made available by information centres, with the assistance of national partners, in additional languages, including Czech, German, Greek, Japanese and Portuguese. The United Nations information centre in Windhoek has produced the United Nations Charter and the International Bill of Human Rights in Afrikaans and in Oshivambo. Currently, a Portuguese version of the Secretary-General's An Agenda for Peace, second edition, with the New Supplement and Related Documents, as well as his Agenda for Development are being produced for distribution in Portuguese-speaking countries.

40. The Department stepped up its ongoing efforts to maximize the timeliness and usefulness of the information it disseminates through print by making it immediately available by electronic means to over 200 United Nations offices including United Nations information centres and services as well as United Nations field offices throughout the world. It continued to disseminate information in print and electronic form to over 1,000 organizations, particularly the media. In order to reach the targeted audience, the Department has developed a system of multiple mailing lists, both at Headquarters and United Nations information centres and services. In the light of budgetary constraints which impede the Department's ability to increase the print runs of popular publications, the Department is now disseminating more of its products through international information networks, including the Internet, APC, TogetherNet and Agora.

41. The Department, through its External Publications Office, in 1994 used its best efforts in making United Nations print products available to the widest possible audiences through joint cooperation with commercial publishers. It must be noted that external publishing houses are often in a better position to publish, reprint, translate and disseminate United Nations books or reports (in both printed and other formats). As mentioned above, the Yearbook of the United Nations is being published externally by Martinus Nijhoff, the Netherlands, as is UNBIS Plus on CD-ROM, which is being produced by Chadwyck-Healey, United Kingdom. Publications of the Department continued to be of interest to publishers world wide and negotiations for language rights to its products such as Basic Facts (Japanese) and An Agenda for Peace (Korean) were successfully concluded in 1994. A number of other proposals are also under consideration, such as the production of pocketbook versions of the Blue Book Series, as well as the production of Basic Facts and the fiftieth anniversary edition of the Yearbook of the United Nations in Russian.

42. Publications of the Department are generally distributed free of charge to United Nations information centres and services, regional commissions and other United Nations offices in the field, representatives of intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, media and research organizations, United Nations depository libraries and government offices. They are also sent to permanent and observer missions at Headquarters.

43. The Department, in the pursuit of its mandate to produce topical information for the widest possible dissemination, also produces publications of

a more enduring nature. These publications are generally more marketable, which potentially allows the United Nations to recover production costs to the fullest extent possible. The volumes of the Blue Book Series would fall into this category, as do a number of the Department's recurrent publications, including: Yearbook of the United Nations, World Media Handbook, UN Chronicle, Basic Facts about the United Nations and Everyone's United Nations. Currently, the Department is undertaking additional efforts with the assistance of its network of United Nations information centres and services to identify those publications that have a strong demand among its audiences, and to make those publications sales items. A list of distributors of United Nations publications is contained in annex II to the present report.

44. The review of these publications and their mandates is normally undertaken by the Department of Public Information in the context of the preparation of the Secretary-General's proposed programme budget. During each biennium, the Assistant Secretary-General for Public Information, together with senior project managers, carries out a review of all proposals for publications on a continual basis. In the course of that process, careful attention is given to avoid possible duplication of information already available in publications produced elsewhere, both inside and outside the United Nations system.

Annex I

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Published material (non-recurrent) during 1994

	DPI No.	TITLE	TYPE	LANGUAGE	MONTH OF RELEASE
1	PS/DPI/15/Rev.6 Rev.7	UN Peace-keeping Operations March 1994	Backgrounder	English-2,000 English-2,000 English-10,000 French-7,000 Spanish-5,000 Russian-3,000 Chinese-3,000 Arabic-3,000	March July October October October October October October
2	925/Rev.1	International Bill of Human Rights	Booklet	English-13,000	July
3	973/Rev.1	Welcome to the United Nations	Brochure	English-150,000 French-50,000 Spanish-50,000 Japanese-20,000	March March March May
4	1015/Rev.1	The United Nations and Drug Abuse Control (2nd reprint)	Booklet	English-18,000 French-4,000 Spanish-3,000	February February February
5	1104/Rev.4 Rev.5	Resolutions of the United Nations Security Council and Statements by its President Concerning the Situation between Iraq and Kuwait	Booklet	English-3,000 English-3,000	April December
6	1236/Rev.1	Supplement to Film and Video Catalogue	Booklet	English-2,000	April
7	1298	Press Summary of Agenda 21 (reprint)	Reference paper	English-8,000	August
8	1299	Rio Declaration and Forest Principles (reprint)	Booklet	English-5,000	August
9	1300	Convention on Climate Change (reprint)	Booklet	English-5,000	August
10	1306/Rev.2 Rev.3	Peace-keeping Information Notes (reprint)	Booklet	English-2,000 English-7,000 Russian-1,500 Spanish-2,000 English-5,000 French-2,000	January July July September September October
11	1307	Convention on Biological Diversity (reprint)	Booklet	English-5,000	August
12	1312/Rev.2	The United Nations and the Situation in The Former Yugoslavia (reprint)	Booklet	English-5,000 English-6,000	March June
13	1315	The United Nations 50th Anniversary (reprint)	Poster	English-30,000	April
14		The United Nations 50th Anniversary	Fact sheet	English-10,000	March

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15	1318	The United Nations 50th Anniversary	Brochure	English-20,000	June
16	1321/Rev 2 Rev 3	The United Nations and the Situation in Somalia (reprint)	Booklet	English-3,000 English-3,000 English-2,000	March May July
17	1356	Families Who Flee (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
18	1357	The Changing Family Structure (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
19	1363	The International Year of the Family (IYF), 1994 (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
20	1376	Teaching about Peace-keeping and Peacemaking	Booklet	English-3,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	February February February
21	1377	Population Trends and the Family (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
22	1387/Rev 2	Fourth World Conference on Women Fact Sheet No. 3	Backgrounder	English-10,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000 Arabic-2,000 Russian-2,000 Chinese-5,000	March April April April April May
23	1393	Final Negotiations on International Convention on Degradation of Drylands	Press Release	English-5,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	May May May
24	1395	United Nations System Chart	Flyer	Russian-10,000	April
25	1407	Human Rights and the Family (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
26	1409	Peace-keeping: Answers at Your Fingertips	Poster/ pamphlet	English-10,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	February April April
27	1413	Complete Decolonization by the Year 2000 - Freedom to Choose	Poster	English-10,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	January January January
28	1417	Families at Risk (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
29	1418	The Family's Role in Socializing Youth (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
30	1419	The International Year of the Family and the United Nations System (reprint)	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April

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31	1421	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (reprint)	Brochure	English-10,000 English-10,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	January February February February
32	1422	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Poster	English-5,000	March
33	1423	Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	Press kit cover	English-5,000	March
34	1424 and Rev.1	Fourth World Conference on Women - Conference to Set Women's Agenda into Next Century	Backgrounder	Spanish-6,000 Arabic-2,000 Chinese-5,000 Russian-2,000 English-20,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	January May May May November November November
35	1427/Rev.1	The World Summit for Social Development - Fact Sheet	Backgrounder	English-10,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	January January January
36	1430	"Jerusalem" - Visions of Reconciliation: An Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue	Book	English-5,500 French-2,500 Arabic-2,500	January March November
37	1432	1994 International Year of the Family	Press kit cover	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
38	1434	Seeds of A New Partnership: Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations	Booklet	English-10,000	November
39	1435	Social Development: A New Definition for Security - Executive Summary of 46th Annual NGO/DPI Conference	Booklet	English-2,000	May
40	1437	Social Development: A New Definition for Security - Final Report of 46th Annual NGO/DPI Conference	Booklet	English-2,000	May
41	1438	The United Nations Department of Public Information and NGOs	Brochure	English-10,000	April
42	1447	States Members of the United Nations	Booklet	English-3,000 French-2,000 Spanish-2,000	February February February
43	1448	Challenges for NGOs No.1 - Putting People First	Newsletter	English-20,000	February
44	1453	United Nations Information Centres	Brochure	English-15,000 French-10,000 Spanish-10,000	February February February

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45	1454	The Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disability	Booklet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000 Russian-5,000 Arabic-5,000 Chinese-5,000	April April May August September September
46	1455	World Summit for Social Development	Backgrounder	English-20,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000 Russian-5,000	May May May May
47	1456	Small Islands and Tourism: Finding a Balance	Pamphlet	English-7,000 French-2,000 Spanish-2,000	March March March
48	1457	Paradise in Peril: UN Conference on Small Islands to Seek Strategy for Sustainable Development	Backgrounder	English-7,000 French-2,000 Spanish-2,000	March March March
49	1458	Conference on Small 'slands - Schedule of Events	Backgrounder	English-5,000	March
50	1459	Small Islands and Fishing: Issues in Brief	Fact sheet	English-5,000	March
51	1460	Small Islands and Trade: Economic Choices, Environmental Impacts: Issues in Brief	Fact sheet	English-5,000	March
52	1461	A Plan for Small Islands: Highlights from the Programme of Action	Backgrounder	English-5,000	March
53	1465	Promoting a Culture for Peace in the Middle East, London - An Israeli-Palestinian Dialogue	Book	English-5,500 English-2,500	May November
54	1466	Small Island Developing States and Territories: Basic Indicators	Backgrounder	English only-5,000	March
55	1467	Fourth World Conference on Women - Action for Equality, Development and Peace	Poster	Arabic-5,000 Chinese-5,000 English-50,000 French-10,000 Russian-5,000 Spanish-10,000	December December December December December December
56	1468	Fourth World Conference on Women - Action for Equality, Development and Peace	Brochure	English-10,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000 Arabic-10,000 Chinese-40,000 Russian-10,000	October November November December December December
57	1469	UN Focus: South Africa's First Democratic Elections - Recent Developments on the Issue of Apartheid in South Africa (III)	Backgrounder	English-3,000 French-1,000	March March

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58	1471	The International Day of Families	Backgrounder	English-12,000 French-3,000 Spanish-3,000	April April April
59	1472	South Africa's Democratic Elections: The UN's Observer Role Fact Sheet	Backgrounder	English-3,000 French-1,000	March April
60	1474	Challenges for NGOs No.2 - Building Solidarity, Creating Jobs	Newsletter	English-20,000 Spanish-10,000	May June
61	1476	The Standard Rules on Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	Brochure	English-20,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	May December December
62	1477	World Summit for Social Development - Attacking Poverty, Building Solidarity, Creating Jobs	Poster	Arabic-5,000 Chinese-5,000 English-50,000 French-15,000 Russian-5,000 Spanish-15,000	October October October October October October
63	1480	UN Meets to Monitor Earth Summit Agreements	Backgrounder	English-1,500 French-1,000 Spanish-800	May May May
64	1481	The United Nations and the Question of Palestine	Book	English-7,000 French-2,000 Spanish-3,000	October October October
65	1482 and Rev.1	World Summit for Social Development - Why a Social Summit?	Backgrounder	Eng.-30,000, 10,000 French-5,000, 2,500 Spanish-5,000, 2,500	June, December June, December June, December
66	1484	The United Nations and the Situation in Rwanda	Booklet	English-4,000	October
67	1485	World Summit for Social Development - The Job Crisis, Backgrounder 1	Backgrounder	Eng.-30,000, 10,000 French-5,000, 2,500 Spanish-5,000, 2,500	July, December July, December July, December
68	1486	World Summit for Social Development - Towards A Society for All, Backgrounder 3	Backgrounder	Eng.-30,000, 10,000 Fr.-10,000, 2,500 Sp-10,000, 2,500 Ar-5,000, 2,500	August, December August, December August, December August, December
69	1487	World Summit for Social Development - Attacking Poverty, Backgrounder 2	Backgrounder	Eng-30,000, 10,000 Fr-5,000, 2,500 Sp-5,000, 2,500	August, December August, December August, December
70	1489	World Summit for Social Development - UN Unveils a Draft Strategy for World Social Gains	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	June June June
71	1490	World Summit for Social Development - UNEP: Employment and the Environment	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	November December December
72	1491	World Summit for Social Development - UNDP: Jobless Growth and the Right to Work	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	September October October

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73	1492	World Summit for Social Development - UNICEF: Children Are Our Future	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	August September September
74	1493	World Summit for Social Development - WHO: Health: Cornerstone of Social Development	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	September September September
75	1495	World Summit for Social Development	Press kit folder	Eng/Fr-10,000 Eng/Sp-5,000 Eng/Fr/Sp-15,000	July July December
76	1496	World Hearings on Development - Secretary-General proposes 'An Agenda for Development'	Press release	English-4,000 French-250	May June
77	1497	World Hearings on Development - Five-day Forum to Focus on Reviving Development	Backgrounder	English-1,000 French-250	May June
78	1498	World Hearings on Development - Redefining Development Imperatives	Press release	English-1,000 French-250	May June
79	1499 and Rev.1	World Summit for Social Development - Attacking Poverty, Building Solidarity, Creating Jobs	Brochure	Eng-75,000, 40,000 Fr-20,000, 20,000 Sp-20,000, 20,000	August, October August, October August, October
80	1503	World Summit for Social Development - FAO: Agriculture and Social Development	Factsheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	December December December
81	1505	World Summit for Social Development - UNHCS: Shelter, Employment and the Urban Poor	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	September September September
82	1507	World Summit for Social Development - Towards Full Employment	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	December December December
83	1512	World Summit for Social Development - Families: The Heart of Society	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	August September September
84	1513	World Summit for Social Development - Women & Poverty	Fact sheet	English-30,000	November
85	1515	World Summit for Social Development - Ageing: A New Age for Old Age	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	August September September
86	1516	World Summit for Social Development - UNHCR: Refugees: Victims of Social Disintegration	Fact sheet	English-30,000 French-5,000 Spanish-5,000	November December December
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